

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 6: 00p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late Arrival 6:15p.m.), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Vincent Jones, City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk,

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. Kevin Brenner, Chief of Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department**

- Chie Brenner stated that the Prince George's County Fire Chief McGraw has not approached their chief regarding closing the fire department. They have seen the list under the County Budget to relocate the Fire Department. They are calling them Community and EMS Fire Station. The Seat Pleasant relocation station is being called the Technical Rescue Station on Shady Glen Drive. They will be removing all their equipment. He was questioned about what they were going to do about paying the electric bill when the station is relocated.
- The fire truck was out of service since April 8, 2010. The cost to replace the transmission on for the Fire Truck was \$16,000. The truck was not initially assigned to the fire station, but was assigned at the last meeting. The money was approved to fix the fire squad, but was informed six week later that they will not be repairing the fire truck. The replacement was placed in Upper Marlboro. They have informed him that they were not going to put a rescue truck in Seat Pleasant. They are planning to put a new one in Bowie. The needs are greater for the rescue truck in this area, as the truck has travelled to the National Harbor.
- They will be moving forward with a federal grant. The new cost of fire truck will be \$600,000. The Laurel Rescue Squad has two trucks and called to offer

the truck to them for \$52,500. As of today we have \$20,000 to commit to purchase of the truck. The age of the fire truck is a 1994, but it has all of the necessary equipment that will cost approximately \$20,000. The warranty will not transfer with the truck. They are getting the maintenance history of the truck.

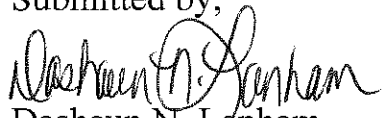
- The treasurer is looking for the money that comes from the state to purchase a fire truck. This is where they are getting the \$20,000. They will be receiving a grant packet on Wednesday.
- Councilman Yeargin wanted to know if they received the used fire truck can they close the fire department. Chief Brenner stated that he doesn't know. It is up to the County Council, and he's not sure if they will pass legislation. However, they can stop dispatching calls to the station.
- Councilman Yeargin asked if the fire fighters were certified. Chief Brenner stated that they are all certified and completed some training today.
- The commissioner requesting him to do everything to get the fire truck in place. He stated that acquire the used fire truck, if they can find the money will not create any financial burden on the county.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know is it possible for the council to get a copy of the log with outside services. Chief stated that he can provide them with a very good sample of numbers for the Technical Rescue Squad. She wanted to know if they have been proactive in keeping the station in Seat Pleasant by doing any rallies to involve the residents. He stated that he would be pigging back on Chief McGill efforts by establishing a relationship with the City of Seat Pleasant. He stated a group name Prism has met with County Councilwoman Karen Toles regarding their displeasure with the potential move of the fire house.
- Councilwoman Simms wanted to know if he had any suggestion or request of the Council. Chief Brenner stated he wanted to say Thank You by keeping them involved and allowing them to be on the agenda. The support from the elected officials, police department for the crab feast.
- He stated that he is working with Mr. Jones on putting a letter together for Senator Benson. He would like a joint letter of support for the grant. He appreciates every dollar the city has provided. He stated that if the City could assist with the purchase of the fire truck. It would show the County that they own their fire house, fire truck and equipment.
- Councilman Yeargin wanted to know if they have received any grants for the fire house. He stated that had received a grant, which required a match of \$100,000. CPR Training and any grant that has free they are interested. They

have received a quarter of million dollars in the last three years in grant. They have a few guys that are familiar with grants. Councilman Yeargin wanted to know if our Grant Coordinator could assist. He stated that maybe 2-3 hours per week.

- Councilman Porter wanted to know the time line for the monies needed. Chief Brenner stated about two or three weeks. They will know more information on the State Farm low grant. He stated that Prince George's Fire Department has not provided them with donation, which was due in August. They can make their bills to November, but without any additional monies they will need to dip in the \$20,000. It is a consistent County wide problem. They have provided a letter of interest to the Laurel Fire Department on Friday, September 9, 2011.
- Councilwoman Simms thanked Chief Brenner for attending the meeting
- Councilwoman Gatling stated a few things had come to her mind and she stated that the Public Safety money, or provide a loan.
- Councilman Yeargin stated that he was in agreement with the loan with no interest.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that she is in agreement with giving them the monies and working out the particulars later.
- Councilman Porter stated that he feels that we need to work out the best solution for all parties and have a meeting with the City Treasurer and City Administrator to verify the funding source.
- Mayor Grant stated that he agrees with the suggestion of the Councilwoman Gatling and Councilwoman Simms. He stated that we also need to do what Councilman Porter suggested too. Councilwoman Gatling stated the funding source that she is recommending the monies is available.
- It was motioned by Councilwoman Simms and seconded by Councilman Hardy to approve that the City provides the \$32,500 to Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of the Fire Truck with the City Administrator drawing an agreement with reimbursement. Councilman Yeargin requested a friendly amendment to the motion for a no interest loan with a refund. The amendment failed.
- FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
- AGAINST: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- Councilwoman Gatling requested the City Administrator to create the agreement with and without a reimbursement.

**ADJOURN**-The meeting adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk

APPROVED 11/14/11